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SUBJ: RELEASE OF CUBAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: A. STATE 215073; B. HAVANA 2525

1. OUR MESSAGES CROSSED. WITH RESPECT TO PLANNING AND POSSIBLE ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING U.S. SCREENING TEAM, AND GIVEN OUR LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS HERE, I REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT COORDINATE TIMING OF TEAMS' VISIT TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH THE DEPARTURE OF OUR FIRST LARGE GROUP OF DUAL NATIONALS AND FAMILIES. SCS IS MAKING THOSE ARRANGE-MENTS, INCLUDING A SPECIAL CHARTER FLIGHT, FOR SOME TIME IN EARLY SETPEMBER. EXACT DATE WILL BE CRUCIAL TO PLANNING FOR SCREENING TEAM'S VISIT. USINT RESOURCES ARE NOW ENTIRELY COMMITTED TO FINAL PROCESSING OF DUAL NATIONAL GROUP, AND WE COULD NOT SUPPORT TEAM--NOR UNDERTAKE ADVANCE NOTIFICATIONS CONTEMPLATED PARA 3 STATE 201069--DURING PERIOD BEFORE THE SPECIAL FLIGHT.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TEAM'S VISIT, WHICH WOULD I PRESUME BE CARRIED ON VOICE OF AMERICA, WOULD OF COURSE GENERATE GREAT INTEREST HERE AND A NEW FLOOD OF CALLERS AT USINT DURING THIS BUSY PERIOD. FOR THAT REASON I WOULD
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PREFER THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT BE DELAYED.

3. I AGAIN WANT TO REMIND DEPARTMENT THAT WE WILL HAVE PARTICULAR NEED OF TDY COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL IF ANY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC WILL BE GENERATED BY SCREENING TEAM. WE ARE AT LIMITS OF OUR CAPACITY NOW. OTHER REQUIREMENTS WILL BE REPORTED WHEN I AM FREE TO CONSULT MY STAFF.

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